

person, a parent, an empty nester, dealing with all different kinds of issues. Our teachings and availability of community will play a big role. It's part of the path that we really take into the future."

HONORING THE CARROLL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the Student Council of Carroll Senior High School for winning a State medal in the Texas Future Problem Solving Program.

The young people who serve on an effective Student Council are skilled leaders, and nowhere is that more evident than in an exceptional school like Carroll Senior High. In addition to fulfilling their demanding leadership duties, many of the members of the Student Council participate in the Future Problem Solving Program. This international program aims to foster students' skills in creative thinking and working together to solve real and significant problems. They then take these skills and bring them to the world beyond the classroom walls as they grow into tomorrow's leaders.

In Carroll Senior High School, Greg Lang, Courtney Smith, Megan Gill, and Mattie Shirley worked tirelessly on their project, "Dragons Dig Deeper". They looked to their special needs peers right at home in the halls of Carroll and improved methods of including them in the community. As a Community Problem Solving effort, "Dragons Dig Deeper" received a State medal from the Texas Future Problem Solving Program. The compassion exemplified by these students serves as an example to us all and encourages my hope for a better future both in my district and in our Nation. I would also like to recognize the fine work of the Student Council's director, Niki Gilley, and the invaluable assistance of Laura Wood-Smith.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating the Student Council of Carroll Senior High School on their earning a State medal in the Future Problem Solving Program. And I also ask that we thank the members of the council for the service they have lent our community.

HONORING LIEUTENANT GENERAL RICHARD P. ZAHNER

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I and Mr. ROGERS of Michigan rise to congratulate JC Richard P. Zahner, the 43rd Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2 (Intelligence) of the United States Army on his monumental and invaluable contributions to our national security from June 1976 until June 2012.

Commissioned into the Regular Army as a Military Intelligence Officer from Cornell University in June 1976, Lieutenant General Zahner consistently distinguished himself in

difficult jobs that required superior leadership and keen innovation.

His distinguished 36 year military career included assignments in peace and war, at the tactical and national levels, in both conventional and Special Operations, and within the Army and at Joint and Combined Commands.

A 1980 plank owner of the Joint Special Operations Command, he was a cornerstone in the foundation that created the culture of excellence and achievement that exists to this day.

A dynamic force for innovation and technology balanced with a keen commitment to soldiers, he consistently challenged himself to be a change agent and transformation catalyst while integrating Army intelligence with wider Intelligence Community initiatives. He demonstrated unwavering resolve to build wartime readiness and provide brilliant and visionary Intelligence leadership.

His success is manifested in Army Intelligence support throughout the globe. His legacy will remain with the Army and in the Intelligence Community for years to come.

We wish him and his family Godspeed and good fortune as they complete their Army service and transition to the next successful chapter of their lives. Our nation is better and safer because of this superb Military Intelligence Soldier.

PRENATAL NONDISCRIMINATION ACT (PRENDA) OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to this flawed and dangerous bill, which attempts to use the very real issue of gender discrimination as a pretext to roll back women's health and basic reproductive rights.

The authors of this legislation claim it is intended to fight discrimination against female children in America. In fact, this is just another thinly veiled attempt by the Majority to enact their ideological preferences into law, put barriers between a woman and her doctor, and take us back to a time when family planning opportunities did not exist for women.

We have now seen a disturbing pattern from this Majority. From endlessly trying to repeal the Affordable Care Act to, earlier this month, blocking the bipartisan Violence Against Women Act reauthorization that passed the Senate, the Majority has continually worked to roll back women's health protections in America.

It is doubly insulting for them to try it again here, while claiming to stand up for women. If the authors of this legislation are seriously concerned with gender discrimination, I strongly urge them to support the Paycheck Fairness Act, which helps ensure that men and women are paid the same for the same job.

What they should not do is pass another ideological and discriminatory bill that claims to stand up for women while putting their health at risk. I urge my colleagues to vote no on this bill.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE FEDERAL WAY HIGH SCHOOL AIR FORCE JROTC TEAM

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Federal Way High School Air Force JROTC team for qualifying for the National Academic Bowl in Washington, DC. Advancing to compete in this national event is a tremendous accomplishment and these cadets should be extremely proud.

The Federal Way High School Air Force JROTC Team is comprised of David Yang (Junior, Team Captain), Blaise Pascual (Junior), Roger Arenas (Sophomore), Benjamin Swartz (Sophomore), Varun Sharma (Junior, Alternate), Arishma Prasad (Freshman, Alternate). The team is coached by Randall Long, Lt Col, USAF (Ret.). In addition to participating in the Academic Bowl, these JROTC cadets have learned about citizenship and community service, while developing core values of responsibility, character, and self-discipline through the JROTC program.

Prior to qualifying for the National Academic Bowl, team members competed in two preliminary rounds where they were tested on standard high school curriculum, including math, science, English, and current events. The Federal Way High School Air Force JROTC team placed among the top of 183 teams that competed nationwide. The top 16 Air Force Academic Bowl teams advanced to the finals in Washington, DC and the winner of the Air Force Academic Bowl will advance to the JROTC Tri-Service Academic Championship.

The Academic Bowl helps students prepare for success on ACT and SAT exams, develop interest in college admission, demonstrate the academic strength of the JROTC program, and build team and unit spirit. The Federal Way High School Air Force JROTC team will spend the next few months preparing for the Academic Bowl Championship by developing and studying a SAT tutorial plan.

It is with great honor that I recognize the work of the Federal Way High School Air Force JROTC team and their qualification for the National Academic Bowl. I know that this accomplishment is indicative of the future successes of these dedicated cadets.

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA GRAVES

HON. JESSE L. JACKSON, JR.

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, everyone is familiar with the saying that behind every good man is a good woman. I rise today to note that there is probably no person who exemplifies that homily more than Barbara Kydd Graves—the wife of Black Enterprise Magazine's founder, chairman, and publisher Earl G. Graves, Sr.—who died this week and will be laid to rest on Saturday, June 2.

Mrs. Graves was not only a good wife and the family matriarch, but she was also a major guiding light of Black Enterprise with her quiet strength, inspiration, and caring personality.